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Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 8, 39 and 41 are presented for examination.

The drawings received on September 13, 2005 are not accepted since it is not corresponded to the brief description of the drawings on page 3 of the original specification. Applicants filed replacement Figures on January 26, 2007.

Applicants acknowledge that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 1, 8, 39, and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Manna et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,214). Applicants submit that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, which was indicated by the Office Action to be allowable.

Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.


The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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